In the Specification:

At pages 1-2, lines 4-23 and 1-3 respectively, please amend the paragraph as follows:

This patent document is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/005,053, entitled "Videocommunicating Apparatus and Method Therefor ~~Therfor~~", filed on January 9 [[1]], 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,124,882):[[,]] to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,220, entitled "Communications System Architecture" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/880,706 entitled "Communications Service Provider Network" and filed on June 13, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,035,935); to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,221, entitled "IP Phone Circuit Arrangement and Method" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/211,993, entitled "High Availability IP Telephony" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,215 entitled "System Interface Implementation for Hosted iPBX" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/211,992, entitled "IP Telephony Station Equipment" and filed on June 16, 2000; and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,219, entitled "iPBX Hosting" and filed on June 16, 2000. All of the above-mentioned documents are fully incorporated herein by reference.

At page 2, lines 9-20, please amend the paragraph at line 17 as follows:

The electronics industry continues to rely upon advances in technology to realize higher-functioning devices at cost-effective prices. For many communication applications, realizing higher-functioning devices in a cost-effective manner requires the creative use of communications channels. Many technologies have been developed that have enhanced communications. Examples include the Internet, facsimile applications, public switched telephone networks (PSTN), wireless telephones, voicemail systems, email systems, paging systems, conferencing systems, electronic calendars and appointment books, electronic address books, and video-image processing systems that communicate video data simultaneously with voice data over [[a]] telephones and the Internet. As the popularity of these technologies

increases, so does the need to merge and coordinate these technologies in a manner that is convenient and cost-effective for the user.

At page 3, lines 13-17, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Widespread acceptance and usage of communication systems and services are largely a function of cost and user convenience. Therefore, widespread acceptance and usage of such technology cannot be forced, even when appropriately addressing [[the]] marketing needs and overcoming the exorbitant costs of the mass production equipment.

At pages 7-8, lines 17-23 and 1-7 respectively, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A programmable communications server having an IP telephony switch and an OOP interface coupled to the IP communications link receives the control selections. The server is further communicatively coupled to a plurality of telephony devices adapted to receive and process IP telephony data, and may [[be]] include a connection to a PSTN through a gateway. The server uses the control selections to control communications in the communications network, such as between the plurality of telephony devices, or between a telephone coupled to the PSTN and one or more of the plurality of telephony devices. In this manner, a communications network having a variety of communications devices can be controlled using a portable and non-hardware-dependent OOP-based controller. For information regarding an example communications network to which the present invention may apply, reference may be made to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,159 [[_____]], entitled "Communications Service Provider Network," filed concurrently herewith and fully incorporated herein by reference.

At page 10, lines 3-15, please insert a comma after "calling" in line 9 as follows:

The user-selected configuration may include a variety of communications selections. For instance, individual telephony control configuration for an end-user may include one or more of the following example communication management options: speaker phone activation, call announce, call answer, call forward to voicemail, call forward to another number or IP telephony address, call hold, call waiting, call termination, display of caller ID, speed dial, call transfer, redial, voicemail forwarding, voicemail messaging, multi-party calling, call muting, video control, call tracking, call billing, and remote access control for enabling remote access to telephony services such as those described hereinabove. In addition, the user-selected configuration may include a variety of other non-telephony communications selections, such as for email, electronic billing and ordering, personal address book applications, and general display characteristics for the communications information and controls to be displayed at the controller 110.

At page 13, lines 3-18, please amend the paragraph at line 3:

A variety of users benefit[[s]] from the use of an OOP control center and OOP-based controllers. For example, a single end-user having a computer 425 with an OOP platform and an IP telephony device can be communicatively coupled to the service provider via the IP communications link 402. The service provider assigns a particular phone number or numbers to the IP address at the computer 425, and programs the control center to enable a particular user permission level for the single end-user. Using a display interface at the computer 425, such as shown in FIG. 2, the end-user can make configuration and call control selections for her communications. When an outside caller, such as a caller using the PSTN, calls the number assigned to the user 424, the computer 425 alerts the user of the incoming call. The alert may, for example, include a traditional telephone ring, or an enhanced alert such as a call announce indicator displayed on a computer screen. The user can make call control selections from the call announce indicator, such as those described hereinabove. The user can also retrieve information about the caller, such as via caller ID or other information about the caller either stored at the computer 425, at the control center 405, or accompanying the caller ID.